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SUBJECT: LPDR CONFIRMS IN WRITING REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF DAO
PERSONNEL

REF VIENTIANE 2210 NOTAL

1. EMBASSY SEPTEMBER 23 RECEIVED NOTE IN LAO LANGUAGE
FROM LPDR FOREIGN MINISTRY DATED SEPTEMBER 21 REQUESTING
TERMINATION OF ACTIVITIES OF DAO IN VIENTIANE AND NAVAL
ATTACHE IN BANGKOK ACCREDITED TO LAOS AND WITHDRAWAL OF
DAO PERSONNEL WITHIN SUITABLE TIME. EMBOFF TRANSLATION
OF NOTE FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT. NO 843/TPT/KKS

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO LAOS AND,
WITH REFERENCE TO THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE UNITED
STATES CHARGE' D'AFFAIRES AND THE DIRECTOR OF CABINET OF
THE MINISTRY ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1976, HAS THE HONOR TO
CONFIRM AGAIN TO THE EMBASSY THAT IN THE PRESENT
SITUATION THE GOVERNMENT OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC CONSIDERS IT SUITABLE TO END THE ACTIVITIES OF
THE MILITARY ATTACHE OFFICE IN THE EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN VIENTIANE AND (THOSE) OF
THE NAVAL ATTACHE TO LAOS STATIONED IN BANGKOK AND TO
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HAVE THE MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED

OFFICE LEAVE THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
WITHIN A SUITABLE TIME.

THE ABOVE STATEMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CABINET OF
THE MINISTRY TO THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IS NOT IN ANY WAY
AN EXPULSION FROM THE COUNTRY OF THE UNITED STATES
MILITARY ATTACHE AND PERSONNEL WORKING WITH HIM BUT IS
A PROPOSAL. THE REASON IS THAT AT THE PRESENT TIME
THERE ARE STILL NO MILITARY RELATIONS OF ANY KIND
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND A LAO
MILITARY ATTACHE IS NOT SIMILARLY STATIONED IN THE
UNITED STATES.

IN ADDITION, THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL THE AMERICAN
MILITARY ATTACHE PERSONNEL AS PROPOSED ABOVE SHOULD BE
UNDERSTOOD AS A TEMPORARY WITHDRAWAL UNTIL THE TWO
COUNTRIES CONSIDER THAT THEY HAVE A MUTUAL NEED IN THIS
REGARD AND HAVE AN EQUAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE TWO
COUNTRIES.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HOPES THAT IT WILL
BE CERTAIN TO RECEIVE THE GOOD COOPERATION OF THE
EMBASSY IN THIS MATTER AND TAKES THIS OCCASION TO
EXPRESS ITS HIGH CONSIDERATION.

VIENTIANE, SEPTEMBER 21, 1976.

END TEXT.

3. COMMENT: THIS CONFIRMS FOR THE RECORD OUR UNDER-
STANDING OF LAO DESIRES AND INTENTIONS IN REGARD TO THE
DEPARTURE OF DAO.

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